

## Corporate Division



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As QIMR becomes larger and more complex, its medical research programs are underpinned by support staff who provide services for finance, information technology, human resources, building services, scientific services, regulatory affairs, business development and safety.

The staff who work in these areas are required to maintain their services at the highest standard to support the medical research effort at QIMR. In that regard, QIMR is fortunate in having an expert and committed group of professionals who provide quality and timely backing to the scientists at QIMR. Often this is accomplished with limited resources and with tight deadlines.

The major issues facing the Corporate Division over the last year have been associated with QIMR's accommodation reaching full capacity with scientists performing a diverse portfolio of research programs. This has led to wide-ranging consequences such as increased handling of products through the stores, higher staff turnover through human resources to more glassware and materials preparation. Fortunately provision was made in the existing facilities and buildings to accommodate most of the additional support needs of QIMR. However, certain upgrades to QIMR's support accommodation will be required in the 2004-5 financial year to ensure that QIMR has the capacity and complies with the relevant regulations for the conduct of medical research.

Business Development has been successful in commercialising QIMR intellectual property and promoting the skills of scientists, resulting in a substantial increase in commercial interactions and contract research commissions. Through this group, QIMR has successfully undertaken the commercialisation of some of Queensland Health's intellectual property, which will result in the creation of another spin-off company at QIMR.

QIMR appointed Dr Agnieszka Mitchell to the position of Manager, Regulatory Affairs to replace Dr Suzanne Elliott who left to take up a position with Q-Pharm. Dr Elliott was the inaugural appointee to this position and she made her mark at QIMR by creating processes to administer compliance with regulations and guidelines. Training initiatives were supported by Dr Tracey Mynott in Business Development, who mentored graduates of innovation from the Queensland University of Technology in intellectual property and commercialization, and by Beatrix Wanrooy in Administration who supervised trainees in general administration.

As a result of funding from the Australian Cancer Research Foundation (ACRF), QIMR was able to purchase state-of-the-art cell sorting equipment which was installed in the ACRF Cellular Imaging facility within Scientific Services. The increased capability of this facility has been professionally guided by Grace Chojnowsky and Paula Hall.

Some of the Corporate Division's major challenges for the next year will be to establish a new proteomics and other facilities through Scientific Services with the help of Building Services; to further develop its human resource and grants management systems; to ensure that QIMR effectively complies with regulatory requirements and to commence planning of the handover of the Queensland Radium Institute to QIMR.